FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number	USGS Quad	Area(s)	Form Number
5-14	ORLEANS		EAS.107

Town/City: Town of Eastham

Place: *(neighborhood or village)*:
North Eastham

Address: 2830 Nauset Road

Historic Name: Nehemiah Jr. and Hannah Doane House

Uses: Present: single-family residence

Original: single-family residence

Date of Construction: by ca. 1810

Source: vital records, censuses, deeds

Style/Form: Federal/Cape Cod

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:
Foundation: concrete

Wall/Trim: wood shingle/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations *(with dates)*:
Concrete basement, wood shingle siding added, window sash replaced, ca. 1985
Wing added, ca. 1995

Condition: good

Moved: no ☐ yes ☒ **Date:** ca. 1985

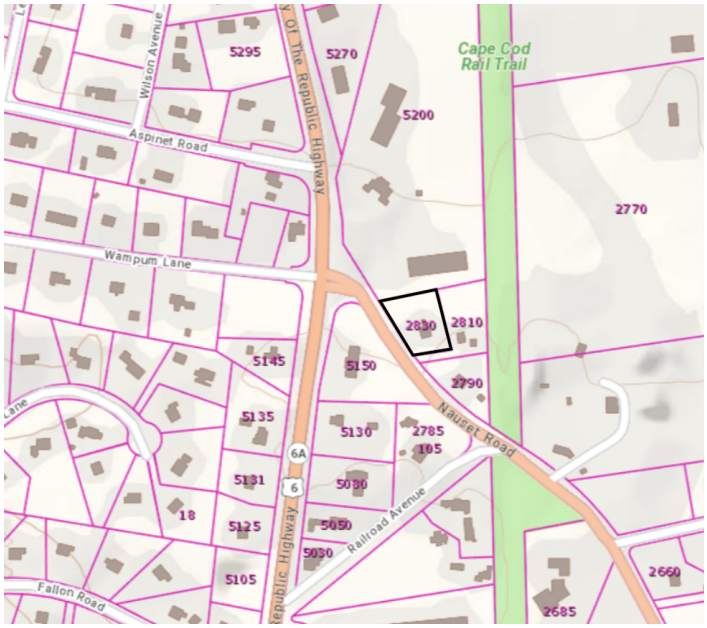
Acreage: 0.47

Setting: The house is situated on a wooded parcel in the midst of intensive late-20th-century residential development along the State Road. On the east it backs up on the Cape Cod Rail Trail and open space associated with the National Seashore.

Photograph

View from SW.

Locus Map (north at top)



Source: Mass GIS Oliver Parcel Viewer

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Nehemiah Jr. and Hannah Doane House was built by 1810 and may have been fifty years earlier by Nehemiah's father. Only a more comprehensive examination of the construction elements and methods of the house will confirm the date. The one-story, gable roof dwelling has a four-bay front façade with an offset entrance consistent with the traditional three-quarter Cape Cod plan. A shallow cornice distinguishes the top of the façade. A small center chimney depicted in a photograph on the 1994 MHC B Form no longer exists. The house is seated on a concrete foundation suggesting that it was moved. It may have been moved from another site on the same property facing the street and given a southerly orientation. A gable end with two pairs of windows on the main floor, associated with a double pile center chimney plan, and a pair in the attic now faces the street. A one-story wing with a doorway and a tripartite picture window on its west wall was added to the rear of the house after the house was moved ca. 1979. The house is roughly centered on what has become a wooded lot. It is set back from the road and accessed by a driveway from Nauset Road.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

It is very likely that Nehemiah Doane Jr. (b. 1785) was living in the house now numbered 2830 Nauset Road at the time he married Hannah Crowell of Eastham, in 1810. It was built either on land his widowed mother owned or on land Nehemiah Jr. himself acquired from the widow Hannah Mayo in 1809.[1] No extant deeds or architectural analysis exists to confirm it, but the house may have been built earlier for Nehemiah Doane Sr. (1737-by March 1790) and his wife Lydia Higgins Dill. Nehemiah Doane Sr. is not mentioned in the 1786 will of his father Solomon Doane, who in March 1790 was appointed guardian of Nehemiah's six minor children. His widow Lydia is listed in the 1790 census, with a house in the 1798 direct tax listing for Eastham, and in the 1800 census. No death record has yet been located for Nehemiah Doane or his wife Lydia, nor for their first child Nehemiah, born in 1767 but certainly dead by the time Nehemiah and Lydia had their last child, also name Nehemiah (b.1785).[2] No deed or will transferring property from Nehemiah Sr. or his wife Lydia to youngest son Nehemiah has been found.

Lydia Doane is not listed as a head of household in the 1810 census, but Nehemiah Doane is shown as one with four dependents in his household, one of them a female older than forty-five, which may have been his mother, and the others possibly his two sisters. Nehemiah married Hannah Crowell in August 1810. No death record has been found for her, but by 1828 Nehemiah had remarried, to Polly F. Knowles, the widow of Jesse Knowles and daughter of Prince and Thankful Doane of Orleans. In 1850 he was listed as a 65-year-old farmer with $299 in real estate and living with wife Polly and children Hannah, Samuel, and Jesse; the latter two were both mariners and in their teens.

The 1858 Eastham map has the name "N. Doane" attached to the 2830 Nauset Road house, and in 1860 Nehemiah Doane was living there with his second wife; he then owned $400 in real property. Polly Doane died in 1862, and Nehemiah Doane moved to Provincetown, where he died in 1867. In late December 1863, 2830 Nauset Road—including a house, barn, and seven acres—sold at auction to Isaiah Holbrook Horton (1814-74) with one other undeveloped tract.[3] Horton, the son of Barnabas and Betsey Holbrook Horton, bought and sold property often, and he bought and sold this property in particular more than once. In 1872 he sold the house, outbuildings, and four acres to Hannah Brown, the wife of Ezekiel Brown, and held a mortgage on it for her, and a later mortgage on the same property for her husband. By May 1878 Brown had defaulted, and Horton arranged for the sale of the property at auction; on 15 June 1878 George H. Dill bought it for the amount of the $400 Ezekiel Brown mortgage.[4] About two weeks later Dill sold the property to Isaiah Horton's second wife Louisa Doane Horton (1818-98) and his

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[1] Hannah Mayo to Nehemiah Doane, 4 April 1809, BCD 999041:465.
[2] Alfred Alder Doane, comp., *The Doane Family: Deacon John Doane, of Plymouth. . .* (Boston: Alfred Alder Doane, 1902), 96, 157-58.
[3] See "Real Estate Sold at Auction," *Barnstable Patriot*, 22 December 1863, 2, and Nehemiah Doane to Isaiah H. Horton, December 1863, BCD 84:1. The newspaper reports a purchase price as $165 for the homestead, stated to be twelve acres, along with three other parcels together being eleven acres; the deed states a purchase price $175 for the seven-acre homestead parcel and its building and a second parcel of ten acres. Doane sold Horton two other parcels totaling six acres in a separate deed executed the same day (BCD 84:2).
[4] I. H. Horton to Hannah Brown, 6 February 1872, BCD 107:338; Ezekiel Brown to Isaiah H. Horton, 1 May 1876, BCD 124:259 (mortgage deed); Affidavits, Isaiah H. Horton, 22 May 1878, BCD 135:67, and 15 June 1878, BCD 134:395; Isaiah H. Horton to George H. Dill, 15 June 1878, BCD 134:394.

children by both marriages—Isaiah H. Jr. (1835-1903), Betsey H. (born 1838), Reuben H. (born 1845), William H. (born 1848), Charles B. (born 1851), Robert Ripley (1856-1917), and Mary Louisa (born 1861).[5] In November 1879 these heirs of Isaiah Horton Sr. sold the property to Winslow T. Horton, and the name "W. Horton" is attached to the house on this site.[6]

Born in Wellfleet in 1844, Winslow Thomas Horton was the son of Cushing Horton (1812-71), the older brother of Isaiah H. Horton Sr. and his wife Mehitable Knowles. He grew up in Gloucester, where he and his father were both fishermen. After the death of his father, he and his mother returned to Eastham with George and Charles Daniels, two of the teenage sons of Winslow's late sister Chloe. The 1880 census lists the family in this neighborhood. In 1882 Winslow Horton married his first cousin, Betsey H. Horton Brown, daughter of Isaiah H. Horton Sr. and widow of Wellfleet mariner Stephen F. Brown (1838-71). Winslow and Betsey Horton seem to have occupied the house by themselves in 1900; Mehitable Knowles Horton had died in 1897. Winslow Horton himself died in November 1904 and his widow Betsey in 1909.

How the house was transferred after the deaths of Winslow and Betsey Knowles is not clear, but deeds indicate that it was owned by the heirs of Betsey H. Horton's brother Reuben H. Horton by 1918; he transferred the title to 2830 Nauset Road to his nine children.[7] In December 1927 the parcel and its buildings became the property of two of those nine—Celia C. Horton Hittl of Stoneham and Ada B. Horton Richardson of Reading.[8] Celia Horton had married Frank Hittl, a commercial artist and lithography salesman, in 1914; Ada Browne Horton had married broker Charles Lyman Richardson the year before. The two, with their families, were reported to be at the "Horton Homestead" in April 1936, and in August 1937 Ada Richardson had the barn on the property razed and a garage built in its place.[9] The sisters owned the property until 1979, three years after the death of Celia Horton Hittl. In that year Ada Richardson sold the property to Margar A. Erickson of Capowack Trust of Orleans, and in 1991 Summit Bank of Boston sold 2830 Nauset Road to William J. McCarthy of Stoneham, who had owned the property with his wife Lorraine since August 1994.[10]

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[6] Louisa Horton, Isaiah H. Horton, Betsey H. Brown, Reuben H. Horton, William H. Horton, Charles B. Horton and Robert R Horton, Eastham, to Winslow T. Horton, 7 November 1879, BCD 143:183.
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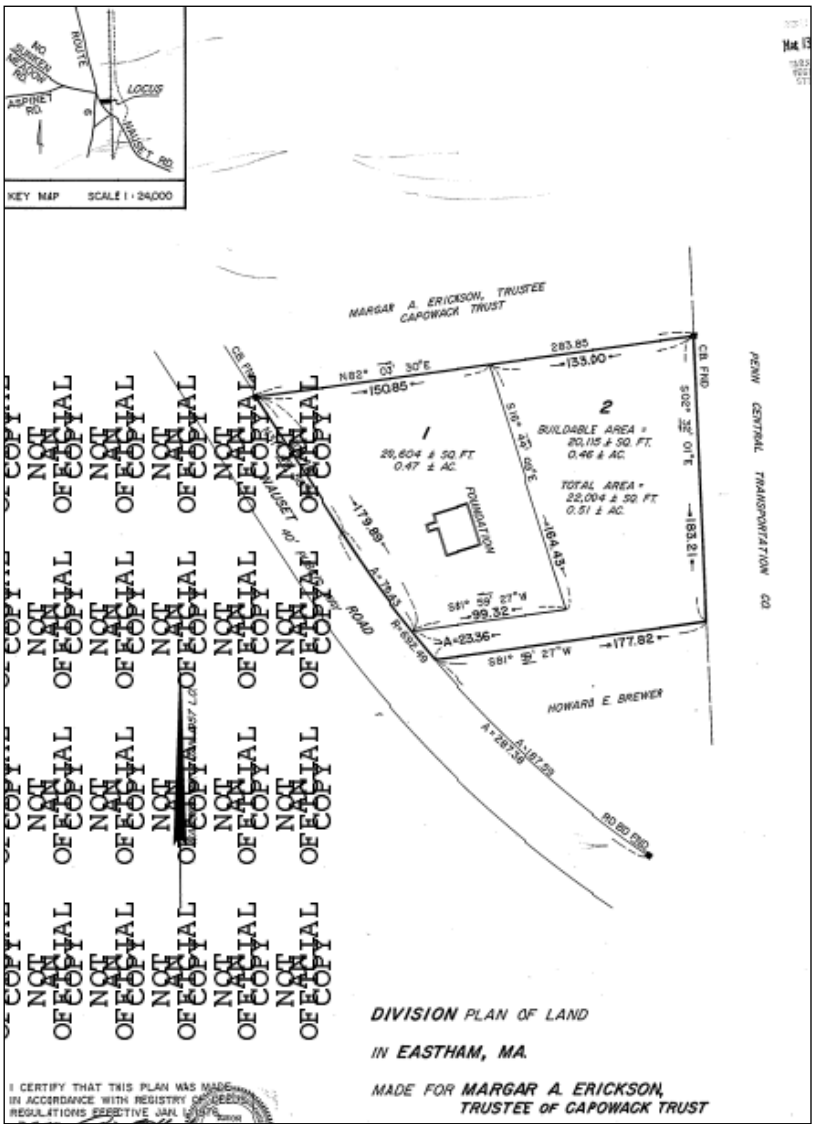

Map of the 1979 Capowack Trust subdivision of 2830 Nauset Road on its current 0.47-acre Lot 1 (BCP 331:35).

PHOTOGRAPHS
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View from west.